

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **MILPITAS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION Milpitas City Hall – Committee Conference Room Wednesday, September 3, 2014**

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Beard called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.  
Present: Chair Beard, Commissioners Leon, Maglalang, Manassau, Mohsin, Rosario, Truong  
  
Alternate Commissioners Present: Holland, Kathapurkar, Sharma  
  
Absent: Vice Chair Batilo, Do, Councilmember Gomez
- II. **Seating of Alternates** – Commissioner Holland and Kathapurkar
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Beard led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Mohsin motioned, and Commissioner Holland seconded, for approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Minutes – Minutes of August 6, 2014** – Commissioner Mohsin motioned, and Commissioner Holland seconded, for approval of the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Public Forum** – No items
- VII. **Announcements** – No announcements
- VIII. **Liaison Report** – Councilmember Gomez was not present
- IX. **Commissioners' Round Table** – Commissioner Mohsin said he was back from a nine month contract position in the city of Seattle working with Snupi Technologies. Commissioner Maglalang discussed a Milpitas Code of Ethics document from 2004 and it was agreed by the committee that staff should review the document to confirm if it is appropriate to circulate to the commissioners. Commissioner Maglalang also asked to agendaize for the next meeting the subject of earthquake retrofits and inspections for homes over 30 years old. Commissioner Sharma would like further discussion on the subject of collecting rain water and Commissioner Maglalang suggested adding the item to a future agenda and asking Public Works Director Jeff Moneda for an update on the item. Chair Beard recommended having staff liaison Felix Reliford provide an update during the announcement portion of a meeting, she did not feel it was necessary to have Mr. Moneda attend a meeting for this subject at this time.
- X. **New Business:**
  - A. **National Night Out – CAC Feedback and Comments**

On Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the CAC participated in National Night Out throughout several community neighborhoods. Commissioner Maglalang said over 100 residents attended an event where City Manager Tom Williams was present, which he said was helpful for the residents, and he would like the commission to continue hosting National Night Out, and Chair Beard said there were 240 people at her event.

## **XI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Neighborhood Beautification Appreciation – 2014 Annual Awards Program**

Zulema Maggi, Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, gave a presentation on the NBO awards program and showed photographs of the award nominees. NBO Awards subcommittee members Manassau and Leon toured the nominated sites on August 20, 2014, and made the following recommendations to the commission:

#### **Attractive Non-Residential Winner**

120 Corning Ave – Mr & Mrs. Zarate

#### **Staff Choice Award Winner**

577 Penitencia – Joginder Saggi

#### **Central Area**

#### **Attractive Residential Winner**

611 Kevenaire Drive – Mr. & Mrs. Ladines

#### **Attractive Multi-Family Property Winner**

1515 N. Milpitas Blvd Space 69 – Pending owner's info

#### **Hillside Area**

#### **Attractive Residential Winner**

1133 N. Park Victoria Drive – Mr. & Mrs. Burke

#### **East Valley Floor Area**

#### **Attractive Residential Winner**

1230 Traughber St – Mr. & Mrs. Reed

The commission approved all of the recommended sites.

There was discussion about the criteria for this program, and whether or not 'before' pictures should be required, and the commission would like to discuss the process/criteria at a future meeting.

### **B. Tree Planting Event Fundraising**

Chair Beard asked Mr. Ruffing if he had any updates regarding tree planting. He did not have updates but recalled that, due to the drought, the commission had discussed postponing any tree planting efforts.

Commissioner Holland said that the Tree Planting Subcommittee's mission was to plant trees, beautify the city, and possibly raise property values. She feels however that it is hypocritical to discuss drought conditions while promoting the planting of more trees. She added that new trees require a lot of water and while it is acceptable to continue training volunteers she does not support planting trees until more water is available. She would like the subcommittee to meet and establish a plan and then return to the commission.

Commissioner Mohsin motioned, and Commissioner Leon seconded, to add Tree Planting Presentation as an agenda item for the next meeting, where the subcommittee will present a

new mission, goals and a budget forecast for next year. Motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Make A Difference Day Event**

The Make a Difference Day event will be held on October 26 and Vice Chair Batilo distributed flyers to the commissioners and asked that they attend. She would like to attend the other city commission meetings to tell them about the event and will email the flyer to Mr. Reliford to distribute to city staff in hopes of raising attendance at the event.

Commissioner Beard would like Mr. Reliford to invite all CDBG recipient agencies to register and participate at the event, and check to see if any give-away items are available.

Commissioner Holland motioned, and Commissioner Maglalang seconded, to add an item to the next meeting agenda to create an event budget and determine how money should be spent. Motion carried unanimously.

- XII. Adjournment** – Commissioner Kathapurkar moved, and Commissioner Manassau seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm to the next meeting of October 1, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.